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INTRODUCTION

The report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1993, its special session and its fortieth session is presented to the Economic and Social Council in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965.

The report is submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 for consideration under agenda item 3 (Operational activities for development). The decisions of the Governing Council (see annex I) that are particularly relevant to that item are listed below:

Decision number	Title
93/2	Capacity 21
93/3	Matters relating to the programming cycles: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Georgia, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Tajikistan
93/6	Sectoral support programme: Country Director programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization
93/7	United Nations technical cooperation activities
93/12	Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
93/15	Technical cooperation in support of the transition to a market economy and democracy in countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States
93/16	Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 47/199
93/17	Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s
93/18	Least developed countries
93/21	Assistance to Myanmar
93/25	National execution and agency support costs
93/26	Evaluation
93/27	United Nations Population Fund
93/31	United Nations Development Fund for Women
93/32	United Nations Capital Development Fund
93/34	Annual review of the financial situation, 1992 (including trust funds)

Decision number	Title
93/41	Proposal concerning the location of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund headquarters
93/42	Office for Project Services
93/38	Procurement from developing countries

In addition, the following decisions of the Governing Council are relevant to the consideration of other items of the agenda of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993:

Agenda items	Decision number	Title
9 and 15 (h)	93/2	Capacity 21
6	93/11	Humanitarian Programmes
9 and 15 (h)	93/12	Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
9, 14 and 15 (h)	93/13	Regional cooperation for protection of vulnerable ecosystems
15 (n)	93/14	HIV, AIDS and development
6	93/19	Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People
15 (i)	93/33	United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office
15 (m)	93/39	Technical cooperation among developing countries

Annex I

DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL DURING 1993

Number	Title	Meeting	Date of adoption
	Organizational meeting		
93/1.	Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council in 1993 and other organizational matters	1st and 7th	16 February 1993 and 19 February 1993
	Special session		
93/2.	Capacity 21	8th	19 February 1993
93/3.	Matters relating to the programming cycles: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Georgia, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Tajikistan	8th	19 February 1993
93/4.	Country, intercountry and global programmes ..	8th	19 February 1993
93/5.	Administrative authority to approve preparatory assistance to global projects	6th	18 February 1993
93/6.	Sectoral support programme: Country Director programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization	6th	18 February 1993
93/7.	United Nations technical cooperation activities	8th	19 February 1993
93/8.	The activities of the United Nations Development Programme in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States	8th	19 February 1993
	Fortieth session		
93/9.	Expression of appreciation to Mr. William H. Draper III, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, 1986-1993	27th	16 June 1993
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (agenda item 1)		
93/10.	Agenda and organization of work of the Governing Council at its fortieth session	9th	1 June 1993
	Annual report of the Administrator for 1992 and programme level activities (agenda item 2)		
93/11.	Humanitarian programme	29th	18 June 1993
93/12.	Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	29th	18 June 1993

Number	Title	Meeting	Date of adoption
93/13.	Regional cooperation for protection of vulnerable ecosystems	29th	18 June 1993
93/14.	HIV, AIDS and development	29th	18 June 1993
93/15.	Technical cooperation in support of the transition to a market economy and democracy in countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States	29th	18 June 1993
93/16.	Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 47/199	29th	18 June 1993
	Special programmes of assistance (agenda item 3)		
93/17.	Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s	29th	18 June 1993
93/18.	Least developed countries	29th	18 June 1993
93/19.	Programme of assistance to the Palestinian People	29th	18 June 1993
	Programme planning and implementation (agenda item 4)		
93/20.	Country, intercountry and global programmes ..	29th	18 June 1993
93/21.	Assistance to Myanmar	29th	18 June 1993
93/22.	Matters relating to the programming cycles: Eritrea and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	29th	18 June 1993
93/23.	Request for "as if" LDC status from the Government of Albania	29th	18 June 1993
93/24.	Sixth programming cycle	29th	18 June 1993
93/25.	National execution and agency support costs ..	29th	18 June 1993
93/26.	Evaluation	29th	18 June 1993
	United Nations Population Fund (agenda item 5)		
93/27.	United Nations Population Fund	29th	18 June 1993
93/28.	United Nations Population Fund: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters	29th	18 June 1993
93/29.	United Nations Population Fund: Financial regulations	29th	18 June 1993

Number	Title	Meeting	Date of adoption
	United Nations technical cooperation activities (agenda item 6)		
93/30.	United Nations technical cooperation activities	29th	18 June 1993
	Other funds and programmes (agenda item 7)		
93/31.	United Nations Development Fund for Women	29th	18 June 1993
93/32.	United Nations Capital Development Fund	29th	18 June 1993
93/33.	United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office	29th	18 June 1993
	Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (agenda item 8)		
93/34.	Annual review of the financial situation, 1992	29th	18 June 1993
93/35.	Revised budget estimates for the 1992-1993 biennium and budget estimates for the 1994-1995 biennium	29th	18 June 1993
93/36.	Audit reports	29th	18 June 1993
93/37.	Financial Regulations	29th	18 June 1993
93/38.	Procurement from developing countries	29th	18 June 1993
	Technical cooperation among developing countries (agenda item 9)		
93/39.	Technical cooperation among developing countries	29th	18 June 1993
	Other matters (agenda item 10)		
93/40.	Venue of sessions of the Governing Council	21st	9 June 1993
93/41.	Proposal concerning the location of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund headquarters	29th	18 June 1993
93/42.	Office for Project Services	29th	18 June 1993
93/43.	Other reports and documents considered by the Governing Council	28th	17 June 1993
	Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1994 (agenda item 11)		
93/44.	Provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Governing Council	28th	17 June 1993
93/45.	Future sessions of the Governing Council and its subsidiary bodies	28th	17 June 1993

93/1. Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council in 1993 and other organizational matters

The Governing Council

I

Decides that the fortieth session of the Governing Council, including the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group, shall be held in New York from 1 to 18 June 1993;

II

Takes note of document DP/1993/2 and the statements made thereon by the Secretary of the Governing Council and delegations at the organizational meeting on the rationalization of the work of the Council, including measures taken concerning documentation;

III

Decides to waive for its meetings in 1993 rule 22 of its rules of procedure, in so far as that rule refers to the requirement of a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate;

IV

Approves the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for its special session from 16 to 19 February 1993 (DP/1993/L.1);

V

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its fortieth session (DP/1993/L.2 as orally amended) and on the understanding that the Bureau of the Council be entrusted with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings within the overall allocation of services to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the Council;

VI

Agrees that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters shall deal with the following subjects at the fortieth session:

(a) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

(b) All country and intercountry programmes;

(c) Global and interregional projects;

(d) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund;

(e) Evaluation;

VII

1. Decides to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda for the fortieth session to the Budgetary and Finance Committee:

5. United Nations Population Fund: financial, budgetary and administrative matters;

7. Other funds and programmes: financial and administrative questions;

8. Financial, administrative and budgetary matters. Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1992 (including trust funds);

(b) Budget estimates for 1994-1995 and revised budget estimates for 1992-1993;

(c) Audit reports and other matters;

(d) Financial Regulations: matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;

(e) Procurement from developing countries;

2. Further decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee shall also review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Governing Council takes action thereon;

VIII

Reaffirms the principles contained in section III, paragraph 4, of Governing Council decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group;

IX

Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its fortieth session, as specified in section VI of document DP/1993/L.2.

1st and 7th meetings
16 and 19 February 1993

93/2. Capacity 21

The Governing Council,

Recalling the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 47/194 of 22 December 1992,

Recalling further that Agenda 21 calls on the United Nations Development Programme to take a leading role in assisting recipient countries to build their

capacities in support of sustainable development and their capacities to implement Agenda 21,

Taking into account the discussions held during its special session in 1993, which stressed the need to clarify further the goals and scope of Capacity 21,

1. Approves the decision of the Administrator to launch Capacity 21;

2. Decides that the United Nations Development Programme should present specific and detailed proposals for the full implementation of Capacity 21 to the Governing Council at its fortieth session, including recommendations on how to distribute Capacity 21 resources;

3. Urges the developed countries and others in a position to do so, to contribute new and additional resources, in particular through Capacity 21.

8th meeting
19 February 1993

93/3. Matters relating to the programming cycles: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Georgia, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Tajikistan

The Governing Council,

Welcoming Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Georgia, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Tajikistan as recipient countries in the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Approves, in accordance with decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990, the allocation of indicative planning figures and requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) of any revised basic data and the effect on the computation of the indicative planning figures;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with programme development in these countries at the request of and in close cooperation with the Governments concerned, taking into account other development activities being undertaken in the countries.

8th meeting
19 February 1993

93/4. Country, intercountry and global programmes

The Governing Council

1. Approves the following country programmes:

African States

Fifth country programme for Ethiopia	DP/CP/ETH/5
Fifth country programme for Ghana	DP/CP/GHA/5
Fourth country programme for Mauritania	DP/CP/MAU/4

Fourth country programme for Sao Tomé and Principe	DP/CP/STP/4
Fifth country programme for Swaziland	DP/CP/SWA/5
Third country programme for Zimbabwe	DP/CP/ZIM/3
Arab States	
Sixth country programme for Algeria	DP/CP/ALG/6
Third country programme for Djibouti	DP/CP/DJI/3
Fifth country programme for Egypt	DP/CP/EGY/5
Third country programme for Lebanon	DP/CP/LEB/3
European States	
Fifth country programme for Bulgaria	DP/CP/BUL/5
Fifth country programme for Malta	DP/CP/MAT/5
Fifth country programme for Romania	DP/CP/ROM/5
Asian States	
Fifth country programme for Papua New Guinea	DP/CP/PNG/5
Latin American and Caribbean States	
Third country programme for Cayman Islands	DP/CP/CAY/3
Fifth country programme for Jamaica	DP/CP/JAM/5
Fifth country programme for Panama	DP/CP/PAN/5
Third country programme for Turks and Caicos Islands	DP/CP/TCI/3

2. Approves the fifth country programme for Rwanda with the provision that the Administrator shall present an interim report to the Council at its fortieth session on the implementation of the country programme as well as the impact which the evolution of the general context of the country may have on the implementation of the programme;

3. Also approves the extension of the third country programme for Cyprus (DP/CP/CYP/3/EXTENSION I);

4. Takes note of the Administrator's intention to continue to approve projects on a case-by-case basis for Somalia, pending normalization of the situation in the country; and requests the Administrator to report orally to the Council at its fortieth session on the results and progress of UNDP efforts in Somalia and to submit a written report on progress and results to the Council at its special session in February 1994;

5. Takes note of the tentative timetable for mid-term reviews 1993-1995 as contained in document DP/1993/6;

6. Decides (a) to discuss the general question of project approval on a case-by-case basis at its fortieth session and (b) to examine the timetable of the mid-term reviews at its fortieth session in the light of the views expressed by delegates at the special session.

8th meeting
19 February 1993

93/5. Administrative authority to approve preparatory assistance to global projects

The Governing Council

Approves an increase in the authority granted to the Administrator to approve preparatory assistance to global projects from the present level of $125,000 to $250,000, pending final approval by the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

6th meeting
18 February 1993

93/6. Sectoral support programme: Country Director programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The Governing Council,

Having considered the need for and possibility of increasing the annual allocation for the Country Director programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the basis of decision 11 of the Industrial Development Board at its tenth session, adopted on 6 November 1992 in Vienna, and the report of the Administrator (DP/1992/61),

Calling upon the Governments concerned to assume, whenever possible, local costs accruing from the posting of Country Directors to their countries,

1. Authorizes an amount of up to $10.2 million for the Country Director programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for 1992 and 1993, from the total of $19 million earmarked for funding the Programme in the fifth programming cycle under the Sectoral Support Programme;

2. Invites the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to manage the Country Director programme within the overall allocation made within the fifth programming cycle and to organize its activities to sustain the Programme as far as possible through its own resources, it being understood that this matter will be reviewed by the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994);

3. Underlines that the reallocation authorized above leads to a corresponding reduction of yearly allocations for the last three years of the cycle.

6th meeting
18 February 1993

93/7. United Nations technical cooperation activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 91/38 of 25 June 1991 and 92/34 of 26 May 1992,

Bearing in mind the Secretary-General's intention to have the new Department for Development Support and Management Services serve as a focal point for the provision of management services for technical cooperation, combining the relevant core functions of the Office for Project Services and the former Department of Technical Cooperation for Development,

Stressing its role in providing governance on the technical cooperation activities of the United Nations Development Programme,

Requests the President of the Governing Council to bring the present decision expressing the following concerns to the attention of the General Assembly at its resumed forty-seventh session and, as appropriate, to the Fifth Committee:

(a) The need to consider the continuing role of the Governing Council in relation to the Office for Project Services;

(b) The need to maintain, as a minimum, the current degree of autonomy of the Office for Project Services, including its self-financing principle, and to improve further its effectiveness and efficiency and the delivery of United Nations Development Programme-financed technical cooperation;

(c) The fact that the Governing Council will review the financial, administrative and personnel implications for the budget of the United Nations Development Programme at its fortieth session (1993);

(d) Bearing in mind paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992, the need to ensure to the maximum extent possible the delegation of authority to the Resident Coordinator for the implementation of activities of the Office for Project Services.

8th meeting
19 February 1993

93/8. The activities of the United Nations Development Programme in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States

The Governing Council

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on provisional activities of the programmes undertaken in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States (DP/1993/5), as well as the interventions made thereon at the present session.

8th meeting
19 February 1993

93/9. Expression of appreciation to Mr. William H. Draper III, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, 1986-1993

The Governing Council,

Noting with regret that Mr. William H. Draper III will depart from his position as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, effective 15 July 1993,

Acknowledging the dynamism, commitment and unrelenting efforts of Mr. Draper to alleviate poverty, to promote sustainable development and to improve the economic and social conditions of people in developing countries by putting them at the centre of the development process and by giving priority to the contributions of women, to the promotion of entrepreneurship to the private sector and to grass-roots and non-governmental organizations in the programmes of the United Nations Development Programme and the special funds under his administration;

1. Expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. William H. Draper III for his effective management of the United Nations Development Programme from 1986 to 1993;

2. Extends its best wishes to Mr. Draper and his family for a long and happy life and for continued success in all his future endeavours.

Bye Bill!

27th meeting
16 June 1993

93/10. Agenda and organization of work of the Governing Council at its fortieth session

The Governing Council,

Approves the agenda and organization of work for its fortieth session (DP/1993/L.8 and Corr.1).

9th meeting
1 June 1993

93/11. Humanitarian Programme

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and Governing Council decisions 91/17 of 25 June 1991 and 92/20 of 26 May 1992,

1. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing Governing Council decision 92/20 and requests the Administrator to continue efforts to ensure its full implementation;

2. Commends the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs for the work of the Disaster Management Training Programme in promoting capacity-building in the field of disaster mitigation and in training United Nations system staff at the country level and encourages those in a position to do so to contribute financially to the programme;

3. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to work closely with the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction in disaster prevention and mitigation activities and urges the Programme to participate actively in the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction to be convened from 23 to 27 May 1994 in Yokohama, Japan;

4. Welcomes the written provisions for a more structured working relationship between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, as contained in annex I of document DP/1993/HP/CRP.3, which provide a sound basis for future cooperation and urges that these provisions be put into effect as soon as possible;

5. Reaffirms, in the context of paragraph 7 of Governing Council decision 92/20, the need to develop an operational framework, under the overall authority of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, identifying the roles and responsibilities of all the system's operational entities at the various phases of the relief-to-development continuum bearing in mind the overlapping mandates and unidentified areas of responsibilities and requests the Administrator to support actively Department of Humanitarian Affairs initiatives in this direction;

6. Emphasizes the need for close cooperation among the United Nations Development Programme, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and resident coordinators to ensure that resident coordinators are in a position to execute their emergency coordination functions effectively and to contribute to promoting the transition from relief through rehabilitation to sustainable development, particularly through the promotion and use of national capacity;

7. Stresses the need for the United Nations Development Programme to continue to develop its substantive and technical capacity to support the transition process from relief through rehabilitation to sustainable development and to support resident coordinators in their emergency coordination function in close cooperation with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

8. Decides to maintain the Humanitarian Programme for the 1994-1995 biennium and to continue to fund one L-4 and one L-5 post from Special Programme Resources during this period;

9. Requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994).

29th meeting
18 June 1993

93/12. Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The Governing Council,

Recalling the role assigned to the United Nations Development Programme in the area of capacity-building for sustainable development under Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, particularly in organizing United Nations system efforts towards capacity-building in support of sustainable development,

Also recalling the important role the United Nations Development Programme is expected to play as an implementing partner of the Global Environment

Facility in collaboration with the World Bank and the United Nations Environment Programme,

Taking account of decision 93/2 of 19 February 1993 approving the launching of Capacity 21,

Recalling paragraph 5 of its decision 92/16 of 26 May 1992 in which the Governing Council urged the Administrator to take measures to ensure that environmental concerns are taken into account in all programmes and projects of the United Nations Development Programme, to the maximum extent possible,

Noting the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme to deliver training in its Environment Management Guidelines,

1. Notes the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and recognizes the need for closer cooperation between the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and other United Nations agencies in the field of environment;

2. Also notes the establishment of a sustainable development network by the United Nations Development Programme and requests the Administrator to ensure that this network takes into consideration other networks of a similar nature to avoid duplication of efforts and to provide the possibility of linkage between them;

3. Also notes that the current level of resources for Capacity 21 are still limited and therefore calls upon the developed countries and those in a position to do so to contribute generously to this initiative;

4. Welcomes the report of the Administrator (DP/1993/11), and requests him to take full account of the views expressed by delegations on Capacity 21 at the fortieth session of the Governing Council (1994);

5. Requests the Administrator, on this basis, to proceed with the implementation of Capacity 21 based on the criteria presented in paragraph 30 of document DP/1991/11 and, in so doing, to elaborate further on the application of these criteria, taking fully into account: (a) the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and Agenda 21; (b) the catalytic role and complementary character of Capacity 21; (c) General Assembly resolution 47/199, in particular the role of the recipient countries; (d) the specific role of the United Nations Development Programme in providing technical cooperation for development in the United Nations system; and (e) the indicative types of activities as outlined in paragraph 28 and in the annex;

6. Decides that the distribution of the Capacity 21 resources will follow the criteria applied to Special Programme Resources, with particular attention given to the needs of least developed countries and, in this context, supports the intention of the Administrator to devote 40 per cent of the overall budget of Capacity 21 to the least developed countries;

7. Endorses the proposal to undertake an evaluation of Capacity 21 at the end of the fifth programming cycle with a view to incorporating capacity-building activities in the field of sustainable development into the regular programming of the United Nations Development Programme;

8. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council initially on an annual basis on the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the activities of the United Nations

Development Programme in the field of sustainable development, including its relationship with other United Nations agencies involved with sustainable development and the relationship between special initiatives such as Capacity 21 and the regular programming of the United Nations Development Programme.

29th meeting
18 June 1993

93/13. Regional cooperation for protection of vulnerable ecosystems

The Governing Council,

Recognizing that Agenda 21 calls on the United Nations Development Programme to take a leading role in assisting recipient countries to build their capacities in support of sustainable development and their capacity to implement Agenda 21,

Recalling further the reports of the Administrator on environment and development (DP/1993/11) and on regional economic integration (DP/1993/14),

Taking note of the need for protection of vulnerable ecosystems such as large bodies of water, including the Caspian Sea, Lake Victoria and others, bounded by more than one country,

1. Requests the Administrator to take cognizance of the need to protect vulnerable ecosystems and the consequent particular environmental problems faced by countries bordering on bodies of water shared by multiple countries;

2. Urges the Administrator to use the various programming mechanisms available to him to respond to these problems should he be so required.

29th meeting
18 June 1993

93/14. HIV, AIDS and development

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 92/14 of 26 May 1992, in which the Council called for, inter alia, an assessment of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme to combat HIV/AIDS and a review of its policy framework,

Noting the report of the Central Evaluation Office entitled "UNDP support for the Global Programme on AIDS: the country perspective" and the report of the Administrator (DP/1993/12), as well as the views expressed by members on this agenda item at its current session,

Recognizing that a multisectoral response is required to strengthen efforts in preventive measures against, and in reducing the increasing social and economic consequences of, the pandemic, and that a wide range of United Nations agencies need to coordinate in a coherent and cost-effective manner,

Also recognizing the important role of the United Nations Development Programme in assisting Governments to build their national policy-making capacity to identify, analyse and plan for the socio-economic impact of the pandemic,

1. Encourages the Administrator to adopt a combined community-based and multisectoral approach to HIV and AIDS work at the country level;

2. Supports fully World Health Assembly resolution 46.37 of 14 May 1993, in which the Director-General of the World Health Organization is requested to study, in close consultation with all organizations and bodies concerned within the United Nations development system, the feasibility and practicability of establishing a joint and co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS and to develop options for such a programme;

3. Requests the Administrator to cooperate fully in the consultative process established in World Health Assembly resolution 46.37 to carry out the study.

29th meeting
18 June 1993

93/15. Technical cooperation in support of the transition to a market economy and democracy in countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992, in particular its paragraph 48, and 47/187 of 22 December 1992,

Also recalling Governing Council decisions 91/24 of 25 June 1991, 92/8 of 14 February 1992, 92/29 of 26 May 1992 and 92/43 of 26 May 1992,

Noting the relevant parts of the annual report of the Administrator as contained in document DP/1993/10/Add.1 and the views expressed thereon at its current session,

Recognizing the complexity and difficult nature of the transition,

1. Notes with interest the activities undertaken so far by the United Nations Development Programme to elaborate and implement, together with interested Governments and United Nations specialized agencies, programmes for technical cooperation in support of the transition;

2. Requests the Administrator to develop further the strategy of the United Nations Development Programme in assisting these countries in transition to a market economy;

3. Encourages the Administrator to offer to share the experience gained in the transition to a market economy with interested countries;

4. Invites the international community to increase the flow of resources to assist these countries through the technical cooperation activities of the United Nations Development Programme, taking fully into account that this should not be to the detriment of existing programmes.

29th meeting
18 June 1993

93/16. Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 47/199

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of the operational activities of the United Nations development system,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the section of the Administrator's report dealing with the implementation of resolution 47/199;

2. Requests the Administrator, working together with the rest of the United Nations development system, to strengthen further the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme to implement resolution 47/199, both in the framework of the activities of the Programme, and within the relevant inter-agency coordination mechanisms;

3. Also requests the Administrator to ensure that the Governing Council receives appropriate feedback on the implementation of resolution 47/199, especially at the field level, including any problems identified;

4. Further requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994).

29th meeting
18 June 1993

93/17. Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991,

Also recalling its decision 92/19 of 26 May 1992 on the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

Noting efforts of the African countries to achieve political, economic and social reforms and the need to sustain, widen and deepen such efforts,

Concerned that the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s since its adoption may not be fulfilling expectations despite recent positive steps taken by the Secretary-General and the Administrator,

Noting the decline of United Nations Development Programme core resources, about half of which support African programmes, at a time when net resource flows to the region are declining,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the development situation in Africa and the proposals contained therein (DP/1993/17);

2. Requests the Administrator to contribute fully to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and in this context to strengthen coordination with the whole United Nations system,

particularly with the Office of Special Coordinator for Africa and Least Developed Countries;

3. Calls upon African countries to pursue vigorously their responsibility and commitment under the New Agenda to achieve sustained and sustainable growth and development, to promote cooperation and regional and subregional integration, to intensify the process of democratization, to encourage investment and to integrate population issues into the development process;

4. Also calls upon the international community to assist African countries in their efforts to achieve accelerated growth and human-centred development on a sustainable basis through seeking to find durable solutions to the African debt crisis, providing adequate resource flows, diversification of African economies, enhanced market access, and support of African regional integration;

5. Renews its appeal to the international community to consider increasing contributions to the United Nations Development Programme to cover the projected shortfall in resources available in the fifth programming cycle, taking into account the needs of Africa;

6. Appreciates the support of the United Nations Development Programme for the democratization processes in the region, for humanitarian assistance and in tackling the development implications of the HIV/AIDS pandemic;

7. Notes with satisfaction the operationalization of the National Long-Term Perspective Studies and the African Capacity-Building Initiative and encourages the United Nations Development Programme to focus these programmes so that they may contribute to a much needed holistic and coordinated approach to development;

8. Welcomes the decision of the Government of Japan to host the International Conference for the Development of Africa in October 1993 and encourages the participation and support of the international community;

9. Welcomes also the establishment of Capacity 21 and calls upon the Administrator to continue the efforts with African Governments and institutions at national and regional levels to implement Agenda 21, inter alia, in the context of the elaboration of the International Convention on Drought and Desertification, as appropriate;

10. Requests the Administrator to work closely with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and to participate actively in the Department's inter-agency coordination mechanisms to ensure effective and coordinated international response to emergency situations in Africa and to encourage the rapid move from emergencies to rehabilitation and sustainable development;

11. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to support regional and subregional cooperation and integration in Africa with the view to enhancing the efficiency and relevance of the institutions established to that effect;

12. Further requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the overall activities of the United Nations Development Programme in Africa and on the implementation of the present decision and to consider at that session the frequency of future reports.

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93/18. Least developed countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/206 of 21 December 1990 and 46/156 of 19 December 1991 on the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and its implementation,

Stressing the importance of full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in order to give the least developed countries the prospect of sustained and sustainable development,

Noting with concern the further deterioration of the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries,

Welcoming the increased concentration of the indicative planning figure resources of the United Nations Development Programme on the least developed countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the least developed countries (DP/1993/18);

2. Endorses the priorities identified by the Administrator to assist in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, namely, aid coordination and economic management and human development;

3. Stresses the need and importance of strengthening the national capacities of the least developed countries;

4. Requests the Administrator to strengthen further the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme addressed to the special needs and priorities of the least developed countries, particularly in the fields of environment and poverty alleviation;

5. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to contribute in the forging of stronger links between national and global follow-up of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries by further enhancing its collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

6. Requests the Administrator to take into account the additions to the list of least developed countries;

7. Also requests the United Nations Development Programme to assist in providing the necessary support to the preparations for the mid-term review in 1995 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, and in mobilizing funding for the participation of least developed countries;

8. Recalls paragraph five on the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries of its decision 91/16 of 25 June 1991 on least developed countries; and reiterates its appeal to all countries in a position to do so to continue to support least developed countries through other facilities of the United Nations Development Programme focusing on the needs of least developed countries, such as the United Nations Capital Development Fund and others, including trust funds and cost-sharing arrangements;

9. Requests the Administrator to strengthen the overall capacity of the United Nations Development Programme, including the role of its focal point, to

deal with the needs of the least developed countries in line with the recommendation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries;

10. Also requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its forty-second session (1995) of specific measures that the United Nations Development Programme has taken to address the special needs and priorities of the least developed countries in line with paragraph 4 of its decision 91/16.

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93/19. Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 79/18 of 26 June 1979, and the consequent decisions on the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People, and the relevant provisions of the General Assembly resolutions,

Bearing in mind the discussion on the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian people during the current session of the United Nations Development Programme Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator concerning the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian people (DP/1993/19),

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator for his continued efforts in the implementation of the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian people;

2. Recommends that the Programme as approved by the Governing Council should continue to address the serious economic and social situation of the Palestinian people in conformity with its decision 79/18 of 26 June 1979, and reconfirms the need for additional special contributions;

3. Appeals to Governments and intergovernmental organizations to expand further their financial and other support for the activities of the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian people;

4. Calls upon the international community to consider increasing contributions to the United Nations Development Programme to cover the projected shortfall in resources available in the fifth cycle, taking into account the needs of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;

5. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the concrete measures taken for the full implementation of the present decision and on the results achieved in that respect.

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93/20. Country, intercountry and global programmes

The Governing Council,

Approves the following country programmes:

I

Africa	
Fifth country programme for Benin	DP/CP/BEN/5
Fifth country programme for Burundi	DP/CP/BDI/5
Fifth country programme for Côte d'Ivoire	DP/CP/IVC/5
Fourth country programme for Equatorial Guinea	DP/CP/EQG/4
Fifth country programme for Gabon	DP/CP/GAB/5
Fourth country programme for Guinea-Bissau	DP/CP/GBS/4
Fifth country programme for Mauritius	DP/CP/MAR/5
Fourth country programme for Mozambique	DP/CP/MOZ/4 and Corr.1
First country programme for Namibia	DP/CP/NAM/1
Fifth country programme for Sierra Leone	DP/CP/SIL/5
Asia and the Pacific	
First country programme for Marshall Islands	DP/CP/MAS/1
First country programme for Micronesia	DP/CP/MIC/1
Fifth country programme for Mongolia	DP/CP/MON/5
First country programme for Pacific Multi-Islands	DP/CP/PMI/1
Fifth country programme for Pakistan	DP/CP/PAK/5
First country programme for Palau	DP/CP/PLU/1
Fifth country programme for the Philippines	DP/CP/PHI/5
Fifth country programme for the Republic of Korea	DP/CP/ROK/5
Third country programme for Vanuatu	DP/CP/VAN/3
Arab States	
Fifth country programme for Bahrain	DP/CP/BAH/5
Fifth country programme for Kuwait	DP/CP/KUW/5 and Corr.1
Fifth country programme for Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	DP/CP/LIB/5
Third country programme for Qatar	DP/CP/QAT/3 and Corr.1
Latin America and the Caribbean	
El Salvador	DP/CP/ELS/5
Saint Helena	DP/CP/STH/2

II

Approves the fifth country programme for the United Republic of Tanzania on the understanding that the Administrator will submit a report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the advancement of the programme in the light of comments made by the Standing Committee for Programme Matters at its in-session meeting held during the fortieth session of the Council;

III

Approves the fourth country programme for the Sudan: (a) with the understanding that the activities as proposed will have a primary focus on food security and sustainable rural agriculture development; and (b) will be subject

to a policy review, after one year, of the impact of the overall enabling environment of the country on the implementation of the programme, bearing in mind the report of the Standing Committee on Programme Matters;

IV

Endorses the recommendation of the Administrator contained in document DP/1993/62 to continue the fifth country programme for Malawi maintaining the sharp focus on human development through poverty alleviation while at the same time actively encouraging and facilitating the process of political change and its contribution to the achievement of the programme goals. Should the required complementary assistance mentioned in the Administrator's report not materialize, the Committee recommended that the Administrator bring the matter again to the attention of the Governing Council;

V

Approves the amendments to the fifth country programme for Rwanda contained in the report of the Administrator (DP/1993/64);

VI

Takes note of the oral report on assistance to Cambodia;

VII

Approves the extension by one year of the following country programmes:

Africa	
Angola	DP/CP/ANG/2/EXTENSION II
Congo	DP/CP/PRC/3/EXTENSION II
Kenya	DP/CP/KEN/5/EXTENSION II
Madagascar	DP/CP/MAG/4/EXTENSION II
Togo	DP/CP/TOG/4/EXTENSION II
Zaire	DP/CP/ZAI/4/EXTENSION II
Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States	
Albania	DP/CP/ALB/3/EXTENSION II
Latin America and the Caribbean	
Aruba	DP/CP/ARU/1/EXTENSION II
Bahamas	DP/CP/BHA/2/EXTENSION II
Barbados	DP/CP/BAR/4/EXTENSION II
British Virgin Islands	DP/CP/BVI/2/EXTENSION II
Guyana	DP/CP/GUY/4/EXTENSION II
Netherlands Antilles	DP/CP/NAN/2/EXTENSION II
Suriname	DP/CP/SUR/3/EXTENSION II
Trinidad and Tobago	DP/CP/TRI/4/EXTENSION II

VIII

Takes note of the Administrator's intention to continue to approve projects in Iraq on a case-by-case basis;

IX

Takes note of the report of the Administrator on programme management issues, including decentralization and the programme approach.

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93/21. Assistance to Myanmar

The Governing Council,

Noting the report of the Administrator (DP/1993/60) on the actions taken on its decision 92/26 of 26 May 1992 and containing his recommendations for future programming of assistance to Myanmar,

Also noting with satisfaction the report of the detailed review of the fifth country programme for Myanmar and the recommendations of the evaluation mission,

Recognizing that there are critical humanitarian and basic human development needs of all the people of Myanmar at the community level which require focused external assistance and continuation of United Nations Development Programme assistance at an operationally cost-effective level, which should be made available for the benefit of all peoples of Myanmar,

Noting the recommendation of the Administrator for a release of funds from the fifth cycle indicative planning figure allocations for Myanmar for programmes during a two-and-one-half year period, July 1993 to December 1995,

1. Commends the Administrator for the speedy and full implementation of decision 92/26;

2. Decides that, until a country programme for Myanmar is considered at an appropriate time, all future assistance from the United Nations Development Programme and related funds to Myanmar should be clearly targeted towards programmes having grass-roots-level impact in a sustainable manner, as called for in the aforesaid decision 92/26 particularly in the areas of primary health care, the environment, HIV/AIDS, training and education and food security;

3. Approves, in conformity with paragraph 2 above, in addition to the amounts released from the reallocation of carried-over fourth cycle resources, and subject to review at its forty-first session (1994), an expenditure of up to $18 million from fifth cycle indicative planning figure allocations for the 18-month period to December 1994;

4. Requests the Administrator to continue to approve assistance to Myanmar on a project-by-project basis and to present to the Governing Council a report on the status of approval and implementation of new projects and recommendations for future programming, for its review at its forty-first session (1994).

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93/22. Matters relating to the programming cycles: Eritrea and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The Governing Council,

Welcoming Eritrea and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as recipient countries in the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Approves, in accordance with its decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990, the allocation of indicative planning figures and requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) of any revised basic data and the effect on the computation of the indicative planning figures;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with programme development in these countries at the request of and in close cooperation with the Governments concerned, taking into account other development activities being undertaken in the countries.

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93/23. Request for "as if" LDC status from the Government of Albania

The Governing Council,

Having considered the request from the Government of Albania for "as if" LDC status (DP/1993/67 and Add.1),

Requests the Administrator to provide additional information on this subject for further consideration at its special session in 1994.

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93/24. Sixth programming cycle

The Governing Council

Takes note of document DP/1993/21 as well as the comments made thereon at the fortieth session and requests the Administrator to continue consultations on this subject with the Governing Council, including at its special session in 1994, with a view to submitting a conceptual paper on issues relating to the sixth programming cycle to the Council at its forty-first session (1994).

27th meeting
17 June 1993

93/25. National execution and agency support costs

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system,

Also recalling its decisions 90/26 of 22 June 1990, 91/31 of 25 June 1991 and 92/22 of 26 May 1992 on agency support costs, and its decisions 90/21 of 22 June 1990 and 91/27 of 21 June 1991 on national execution,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report on national execution and agency support costs (DP/1993/22);

2. Welcomes the training that has been carried out on a tripartite basis in the field in the new arrangements for agency support costs and encourages further training efforts to ensure that the new facilities are effectively utilized;

I. EXECUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

3. Welcomes the increased use of national execution in the United Nations Development Programme-assisted programmes and projects in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 47/199, in which it is reiterated that national execution should be the norm for programmes and projects supported by the United Nations system; calls upon recipient countries, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme as requested by the countries concerned, to assess carefully national capacities for carrying out execution responsibilities before approval of such programmes and projects; encourages greater use of United Nations specialized agencies in the design, technical appraisal and backstopping of nationally executed projects;

II. AGENCY SUPPORT COSTS

4. Takes note of the status and estimates of the financial provisions for the new support cost arrangements set out in document DP/1993/22;

5. Endorses the proposal of the Administrator contained in paragraph 19 of document DP/1993/22 related to the provisions of Indicative Planning Figure add-on in respect of nationally implemented projects approved before 1 January 1992;

TSS-1

6. Welcomes the progress made in the implementation of the TSS-1 work programme for the 1992-1993 biennium and the initial positive results reported; agrees that the formulation of the 1994-1995 work programme should be carried out in the field and be governed by national priorities and needs; requests the Administrator to submit the 1994-1995 work programme for information to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1994;

TSS-2

7. Urges acceleration of the pace of approvals of TSS-2 funding of United Nations Development Programme-financed projects in accordance with the guidelines established for the use of TSS-2; also urges greater involvement of United Nations specialized agencies, through the use of TSS-2, in the design and formulation of United Nations Development Programme-financed programmes and projects, irrespective of implementation modalities;

8. Invites the Administrator to continue his consultations with the smaller technical agencies on issues specific to them with a view to seeking their full incorporation into the new support cost arrangements;

Monitoring and evaluation

9. Reaffirms that an external independent evaluation of the new arrangements should be carried out during 1994 and the results provided to the Governing Council for review at its forty-first session (1994);

10. Requests the Administrator to hold informal consultations with Member Governments early in 1994, on the implementation and planned evaluation of the new support cost arrangements;

11. Also requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision at its forty-first session (1994).

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18 June 1993

93/26. Evaluation

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 92/24 of 26 May 1992 on evaluation,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of the operational activities of the United Nations development system and, in particular, paragraph 32 relating to evaluation and monitoring, with its emphasis on output, impact and performance orientation,

Noting the need for the United Nations Development Programme to continue to seek, in cooperation with Governments and United Nations specialized agencies, high levels of efficiency and effectiveness in its activities in national capacity-building and in the delivery of its programmes and projects, through, inter alia, adequate monitoring, reporting and feedback mechanisms,

Also noting the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the coordination of United Nations system evaluation issues through its chairmanship of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Evaluation,

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/1993/26), the continuing work of the United Nations Development Programme in the area of evaluation and also takes note of the impending issuance of revised and strengthened guidelines for country programme evaluations;

2. Requests the Administrator to include, as a biennial element in his annual report on evaluation to the Governing Council, a statistical and qualitative analysis of evaluation reports, containing, inter alia, a disaggregated analysis indicating the degree and rate of success or failure in programmes and activities by specific sectors, themes, geographic regions and executing agency provided that the volume of data is sufficient to validate the analysis;

3. Requests the Administrator to report in 1994 on the ongoing study referred to in paragraph 34 of document DP/1993/26 and to include in that report actions and proposals aimed at a strategic approach on feedback throughout the United Nations Development Programme, including at the field level;

4. Requests the Administrator to seek to undertake more joint evaluations, where appropriate, with other United Nations organizations and with

Member States, in order to encourage the promotion of common evaluation principles and practices;

5. Urges the Administrator, through, inter alia, the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and the Inter-Agency Working Group on Evaluation and the participation of the United Nations Development Programme in the Consultative Committee for Programme and Operational Questions to continue to support coordinated action towards a common system of reporting the degree and rate of success or failure in the achievement of programme and project objectives;

6. Requests that a list of evaluations, when completed, be distributed to members and observers of the Governing Council.

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18 June 1993

93/27. United Nations Population Fund

A

The Governing Council,

Reaffirming the mandate of the United Nations Population Fund as contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, and taking into account the views expressed at the fortieth session (1993) of the Governing Council during consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Population Fund,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, in full integration with their general development policies and consistent with basic human rights and with the responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1992 (DP/1993/29, parts I and II) and, while welcoming the revised format of the report and noting the improvement in its analytical quality and transparency, requests the Executive Director to include, in future reports, analyses of problems encountered and lessons learned through the Fund's programming activities;

2. Expresses concern that projected voluntary contributions to the United Nations Population Fund in 1993 are essentially the same as in 1992, especially in view of ever-increasing demands for assistance from the United Nations Population Fund and the urgency of addressing population issues in the 1990s, and, in this regard, encourages the United Nations Population Fund to heighten the strategic focus of its programmes so as to maximize the efficiency of the delivery of its assistance and the effectiveness of its programmatic activities in recipient countries;

3. Recognizes that expenditure on all programme areas should reflect the actual needs of recipient countries; welcomes the increase in the proportion of the Fund's expenditures devoted to maternal and child health and family planning services, as reflected in table E on page 8 of the work plan for 1994-1997 and request for programme expenditure authority (DP/1993/30); urges the United Nations Population Fund to continue to respond positively to requests from recipient countries for assistance in this area; and recognizes the important work of the United Nations Population Fund in the field of information, education, and communication and calls upon the Fund to strengthen further its

information, education and communication activities, taking into account, inter alia, the special needs of adolescents;

4. Notes the status report on the implementation of the strategy for UNFPA assistance to sub-Saharan Africa contained in part III of the report of the Executive Director for 1992 (DP/1993/29); takes note of progress made in the main areas of the strategy; expresses concern over the loss of momentum in implementing important population activities in 1992; underscores that much more needs to be done in the region to implement fully the strategy, with special emphasis on gender issues; and requests the Executive Director to strengthen further United Nations Population Fund activities in Africa and to report to the Governing Council at its forty-second session (1995) on the continued implementation of the strategy;

5. Also notes the status report on the implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development contained in part III of the report of the Executive Director for 1992 (DP/1993/29); takes note of the progress that has been made in the area of women, population and development; encourages the United Nations Population Fund to monitor the impact, at the country level, of its activities in women, population and development; welcomes the initiatives to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with such issues, inter alia, through links with women's organizations and urges that such links be pursued at the country and intercountry levels, in particular in connection with the upcoming International Conference on Population and Development and its follow up;

6. Acknowledges that the Fund's Programme Review and Strategy Development (PRSD) exercise is an innovative process that ensures a programme approach to the resolution of population and development issues in countries; notes the experience gained by UNFPA in undertaking such exercises in a number of countries; underlines the need to strengthen further the capacity of the recipient countries in the formulation of a programme that is well coordinated and efficiently monitored and evaluated;

7. Recognizes the important role that non-governmental organizations play in the implementation of population programme activities at the field level, and appreciates the pioneering role of the United Nations Population Fund within the United Nations system in this regard and encourages the Fund to involve them, whenever appropriate, in the implementation of such activities;

8. Welcomes the status report on United Nations Population Fund implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199 contained in part III of the report of the Executive Director for 1992 (DP/1993/29); notes that the programming experience gained through the Fund's Programme Review and Strategy Development (PRSD) exercise places the United Nations Population Fund in a position to contribute to the formulation of the country strategy note and towards the development of a common programme approach; agrees that the Fund's new successor support-cost arrangements are an integral component of strategic programming and should contribute to national execution and decentralization; welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund, working through the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (JCGP), to harmonize its programme cycles with those of its partner organizations in the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and to adapt these cycles to national development plans; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the progress made in the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199;

9. Welcomes the continuing progress being made in the Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs in developing

countries, in particular the cooperative efforts of the United Nations Population Fund, interested Governments, non-governmental organizations and other international agencies in organizing and conducting in-depth country studies on contraceptive requirements and logistics management needs; commends the United Nations Population Fund for the prompt publication and dissemination of the results of these country studies; notes with appreciation the increasing donor support for the procurement and distribution of contraceptive commodities; and reiterates its request that the United Nations Population Fund submit to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) a report on the Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs;

10. Requests the Executive Director to continue the Global Initiative beyond 1994 and to seek funding on an interim basis and to include in her report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) proposals on its future funding;

11. Takes note of the progress report on UNFPA successor support-cost arrangements (DP/1993/32); also takes note of the progress made in implementing the technical support services arrangements, in particular the establishment of the United Nations Population Fund country support teams; welcomes the Executive Director's proposals contained in document DP/1993/32 to improve the implementation of the technical support services arrangements; and authorizes the Executive Director to make appropriate arrangements to further improve the implementation of the technical support services arrangements, and requests the Executive Director to submit a report to the Governing Council at its forty-second session (1995), as noted in paragraph 14 of decision 91/37;

12. Requests the Executive Director, mindful of paragraph A 6 of decision 92/32, to submit to the forty-first session of the Governing Council (1994) a report updating the review and assessment study of the Fund and synthesizing the UNFPA experience over the last 25 years, and to present, at the forty-second session of the Council, the Executive Director's proposals on programme priorities and future direction of UNFPA, taking into account the views of the Governing Council on the report to be submitted to the forty-first session, as well as the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held in Cairo, in September 1994;

13. Encourages the Executive Director to continue her efforts to improve the evaluation activities of the United Nations Population Fund, inter alia, through the provisions of paragraph A 7 of decision 92/32 and paragraph A 12 of the present decision;

14. Encourages further the Executive Director to continue her efforts to decentralize decision making to the field, including project approval authority, and, taking account of paragraph A 12 of this decision, requests her to include in her annual report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) information on progress made and on anticipated efforts for further decentralization, including related field-level training and the requisite accountability structure;

15. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director reviewing the Fund's experience in implementing the priority-country system (DP/1993/33); reaffirms the continued use of existing criteria and their threshold levels; takes note of the most recent (January 1992) updating of the list of priority countries; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at appropriate intervals on further progress made in implementing the priority-country system;

16. Requests the Executive Director to study and to report to the Governing Council at its forty-second session (1995) on the feasibility of the inclusion of maternal mortality rate as a criterion while recognizing the relevance of its inclusion as a criterion;

17. Takes note of the report on collaboration of the United Nations Population Fund with the World Bank and the regional development banks (DP/1993/34); agrees that collaboration between the World Bank, the regional development banks and the United Nations Population Fund is an integral part of the wider effort of the international development assistance community to assist countries in achieving sustainable development; recognizes that the cooperation should be based on the comparative advantages of the two organizations; and endorses the actions called for in the report to strengthen collaboration between the United Nations Population Fund and the World Bank and between the United Nations Population Fund and the regional development banks;

18. Supports fully World Health Assembly resolution 46.37, which, inter alia, calls for the Director General of the World Health Organization to consider the economic and organizational benefits of a joint and co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS, and notes with appreciation the Executive Director's intent to cooperate fully in the consultative process established in World Health Assembly resolution 46.37;

B

The Governing Council,

Having considered the work plan for 1994-1997 and request for programme expenditure authority (DP/1993/30) and the report of the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved country programmes and projects (DP/1993/31),

1. Endorses the Executive Director's programme resource planning proposals set out in paragraphs 13 to 31 of document DP/1993/30;

2. Approves the request for the new programme expenditure authority from regular resources in the amount of $217.3 million for 1994;

3. Endorses the use of the following estimates for new programmable resources from regular resources for the 1995-1997 period to be adjusted according to actual contributions: $234.1 million for 1995; $246.8 million for 1996; and $260.4 million for 1997;

4. Also endorses the use of the following estimates for new programmable resources from multi-bilateral funding to be adjusted according to actual contributions: $15 million per year for the years 1994-1997;

C

The Governing Council

1. Approves the following country programmes:

Sub-Saharan Africa

Central African Republic	DP/FPA/CP/126
Côte d'Ivoire	DP/FPA/CP/131
Ethiopia	DP/FPA/CP/132
Guinea-Bissau	DP/FPA/CP/124

Madagascar	DP/FPA/CP/121
Mali	DP/FPA/CP/130
Sao Tome and Principe	DP/FPA/CP/125
Sierra Leone	DP/FPA/CP/122
Uganda	DP/FPA/CP/128
Asia and the Pacific	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	DP/FPA/CP/120
Pakistan	DP/FPA/CP/134
Latin America and the Caribbean	
Colombia	DP/FPA/CP/123
Guatemala	DP/FPA/CP/133

2. Approves the second country programme for Equatorial Guinea (DP/FPA/CP/129) with the provision that the Executive Director shall present an interim report to the Council at its forty-first session on the implementation of the country programme;

3. Approves the third country programme for Rwanda (DP/FPA/CP/127) with the provision that the Executive Director shall present an interim report to the Council at its forty-first session on the implementation of the country programme as well as on the impact which the evolution of the general context of the country may have on the implementation of the programme.

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93/28. United Nations Population Fund: financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The Governing Council,

Having considered the biennial budget estimates for the administrative and programme support services for the biennium 1994-1995 (DP/1993/35), the annual financial review, 1992 (DP/1993/36), the audit reports (DP/1993/37) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1993/38),

1. Takes note of the annual financial review, 1992 (DP/1993/36) and, in the context of Governing Council decision 93/29, requests the Executive Director to include in future annual financial reviews an overview of the cost-sharing contributions and their distribution among programme areas;

2. Also takes note of the comments of the Executive Director in document DP/1993/37 concerning the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors on the United Nations Population Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 1991 (A/47/5/Add.7);

3. Notes the detailed progress as reported in document DP/1993/37 on measures taken to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on management issues, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/211 of 23 December 1992, as summarized in part II of the Official Records of the Forty-seventh General Assembly (A/47/5/Add.7, para. 6);

4. Calls upon the Executive Director to continue consultations with executing agencies and Governments, with a view to expediting their submission of audited financial statements on activities they execute on behalf of the United Nations Population Fund and urges that consideration be given to the increased use of mutually acceptable commercial audit firms to facilitate this process;

5. Requests the Executive Director to provide the Governing Council with a summary of the significant observations of the external auditors of the United Nations Population Fund executing agencies, together with corrective action taken by the agencies;

6. Urges the Executive Director to continue to pay close attention to the need for avoiding duplication of procurement capacities that already exist in the United Nations system and to continue to act in line with the announcement of the Secretary-General of December 1990 encouraging coordinated procurement among the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system;

7. Expresses concern at the increased ratio of administrative costs to programme delivery that has occurred so far in the current biennium, while recognizing the efforts of the Executive Director to curtail administrative costs by realizing savings in the amount of $7 million in the 1992-1993 administrative and programme support services budget;

8. Encourages the Executive Director to take the necessary measures to keep to a minimum the level of administrative expenditure, particularly in the event that forecast levels of income are not realized;

9. Requests the Executive Director to include in the annual financial review a progress report on relevant aspects of the implementation of the administrative and programme support services budget, including any measures taken to reduce it;

10. Urges the Executive Director to issue and implement comprehensive and specific guidelines in order to delineate appropriately programme, programme-support and administrative expenditures;

11. Takes note of the progress being made in the implementation of the strategy of office automation, as described in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on further administrative cost savings achieved;

12. Requests the Executive Director, while continuing the implementation of the strategy of office automation, to take into account the need for other automation systems to be compatible with those used elsewhere in the United Nations system, particularly with those being developed by the United Nations Integrated Management Information System project, as well as at the field level;

13. Reconfirms paragraph 19 of decision 91/36 of 21 June 1991 to maintain the level of the operational reserve at 20 per cent of general resources income;

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14. Approves appropriations in the amount of $120,092,200 gross, to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1994-1995 biennial budget for administrative and programme support services, and agrees that the overhead credits available to the United Nations Population Fund in the estimated amount of $6,500,000 and the miscellaneous income from trust funds for

support services in the amount of $500,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of $113,092,200, as indicated below:

1994-1995 biennial budget

(Thousands of dollars)

Programme appropriations	
Executive direction and management	5 646.1
Administration and information and external relations services	32 018.5
Programme planning, appraisal and monitoring	28 970.5
Field programme support	53 457.1
Total gross appropriation	120 092.2
Less: Estimated credits and income	7 000.0
Total net appropriations	113 092.2

15. Authorizes the Executive Director to transfer credits between programmes within reasonable limits, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for the biennium 1994-1995 and requests her to report thereon to the Governing Council;

16. Endorses the proposals of the Executive Director with regard to the downgrading of the post of the Deputy Executive Director (Policy and Administration) from the Assistant Secretary-General to the D-2 level; that of Director of the Division for Arab States and Europe from the D-2 to the D-1 level; and that of Chief of the Resource Development Unit from the D-1 to the P-5 level, which are in line with the restructuring process of the Secretary-General, and requests the Executive Director to ensure that the downgrading of the post of the Director of the Division for Arab States and Europe will not negatively affect the size and implementation of the programmes in that region;

17. Takes note of the redeployment of three Country Director posts and two International Programme Officer posts, as well as of the redeployment of two headquarters Programme Officer posts to the field;

18. Approves:

(a) The establishment of an office in Eritrea in 1995 to be staffed by one Country Director at the P-5 level and four national staff - one National Programme Officer, one National Programme/Finance Assistant, one secretary and one driver - which should also contribute to the efforts of the Secretary-General to bring about a unified United Nations presence in that country;

(b) The establishment of 31 additional local posts in the field, comprising 11 National Programme Officers and 20 General Service posts;

(c) The upgrading of six International Programme Officer posts from the P-3 to the P-4 level;

19. Also approves, taking into account paragraph 24 of document DP/1993/35 as well as the need to keep administrative expenditure to a minimum, in accordance with paragraph 8 of the present decision, the upgrading of up to four Country Director posts from the P-5 to the D-1 level, based on the following minimum criteria:

(a) All D-1-level posts will be in countries which either have one of the 20 largest country programmes or in countries where exceptional circumstances justify a D-1-level appointment;

(b) Account will be taken of the number of staff members in the office, the degree of national execution, the complexity of the population programme in specific countries and the need to be consistent with paragraphs 38 and 39 of General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992;

(c) A biennial report will be submitted by the Executive Director in the budget documents;

20. Invites the Executive Director to make further proposals regarding the level of Country Director posts in the context of the APSS budget for the biennium 1996-1997, taking into account the need to retain staff with field experience and to improve further their quality.

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93/29. United Nations Population Fund: Financial Regulations

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director on the proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of UNFPA (DP/1993/63);

Approves the following Financial Regulations:

Article V - TRUST FUNDS

Regulation 5.4: Funds received by UNFPA under Regulation 14.6 for procurement of supplies, equipment and services on behalf and at the request of Governments, specialized agencies or other intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations shall be treated as trust funds.

Article XIV - INTERNAL CONTROL

Regulation 14.6: Supplies, equipment and services may be provided by UNFPA under procurement arrangements on behalf and at the request of Governments, specialized agencies or other inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations, where such supplies, equipment and services are required for purposes related to UNFPA activities and are consistent with the aims and policies of UNFPA, on the basis of full payment in advance of the procurement activities, to cover all costs, including insurance and service fees, connected with the procurement of such supplies, equipment and services.

Article II - DEFINITIONS

Regulation 2.2 C (vi): "Cost-sharing" shall mean an arrangement by which the costs of projects that are normally charged to UNFPA regular resources, including the reimbursement of the related administrative and operational service costs paid to executing agencies, are covered in full or in part by a contribution or contributions from the recipient Government, or from one or more Governments other than the recipient Government, or from an organization or organizations of the United Nations system, or from intergovernmental institutions or agencies not part of the United Nations system. Such arrangement may be made on the following basis:

- Project cost-sharing whereby the contribution relates to a specific project;

- Programme cost-sharing whereby the contribution relates not to a specific project but to all or several projects in a recipient country or region; and

- Third-party cost-sharing, which can be either project or programme cost-sharing, whereby the contribution is paid by one or more entities other than the recipient Government.

Article IV - UNFPA FUNDS

Regulation 4.12: The Executive Director is authorized to enter into project, programme and/or third-party cost-sharing agreements, provided that such cost-sharing arrangements have been accepted by the recipient country or countries, subject to such principles as the Governing Council may establish.

Regulation 4.13: Cost-sharing agreements and contributions thereunder shall be subject to the following conditions:

(a) Contributions would be denominated for accounting purposes in United States dollars; however, UNFPA would accept payment in the local currency of a recipient Government to the extent that such currency could be used to meet project expenditure requirements;

(b) Contributions would be paid pursuant to a written agreement made between the contributor and UNFPA. Such agreement would specify that the contributions should be paid in advance of the implementation of planned activities. All third-party contributions would be accepted subject to the agreement of the recipient Government;

(c) In case of default in making the payments required under subparagraph (b) above, UNFPA would be under no obligation to provide funds from its regular programmable resources for any of the activities planned under the cost-sharing agreement.

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18 June 1993

93/30. United Nations technical cooperation activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 46/232 of 3 March 1991, 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and 47/212 B of 6 May 1993,

Also recalling its decisions 90/37 of 22 June 1990, 91/38 of 25 June 1991 and 92/34 of 26 May 1992,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities (DP/1993/39 and Add.1-3);

2. Stresses the need to improve further the technical focus of the Department for Development Support and Management Services, especially through the United Nations regular programme of technical cooperation;

3. Takes note of the Thirteenth Biennial Meeting of National Recruitment Services held at Cairo in March-April 1993 and organized by the Department for Development Support and Management Services, in close cooperation with the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and of the Cairo Plan of Action embodying the recommendations of that meeting;

4. Encourages the Department for Development Support and Management Services to help to strengthen national capacities for programme management and project execution and implementation, in responding to the needs of developing countries;

5. Requests the Department for Development Support and Management Services to pay particular attention to improving its preparation and appraisal of projects and its capacity-building techniques within its area of competence;

6. Requests the Department for Development Support and Management Services to ensure that its technical cooperation activities are undertaken with full attention to General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and in particular to the respective functions and responsibilities of recipient Governments and the resident coordinators;

7. Stresses the importance of the clarification of an effective and efficient division of labour between the Department for Development Support and Management Services and other United Nations organs dealing with technical cooperation, especially the United Nations Development Programme, with particular attention to coordination issues, taking full account of the relevant provisions of its decision 92/34 and General Assembly resolution 47/212 B and requests the Administrator to include information on progress made in his report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994);

8. Invites the Secretary-General to provide a more analytical review of the technical cooperation activities of the Department for Development Support and Management Services to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994).

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18 June 1993

93/31. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Governing Council,

Recalling the mandate of the United Nations Development Fund for Women as set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984,

Recognizing the contribution of the United Nations Development Fund for Women to the identification and the pursuit of strategies to integrate women into the mainstream development agenda, and the Fund's innovative and catalytic activities to promote women's own contributions to national economies,

Acknowledging the role played by the United Nations Development Fund for Women in placing women's concerns on the international agenda for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as well as the Fund's commitment to strengthening its advocacy role to accelerate positive change in the status of women world wide,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (DP/1993/41);

2. Also takes note of the continuing policy advice given to the Administrator by the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

3. Recognizes the importance of the contribution of the United Nations Development Fund for Women to international preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in September 1995, including facilitating the participation of women's organizations in it, fostering of cooperation among groups, between Governments and non-governmental organizations, and between men and women, for a more gender-responsive development agenda, as well as efforts to raise public awareness of the objectives of the Conference;

4. Calls upon the United Nations Development Fund for Women to continue its active support to the United Nations Development Programme and the other members of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy in gender-related programme areas and to further a positive working relationship with other United Nations bodies in order to integrate gender concerns and women in their development activities;

5. Renews its appeal for increased voluntary financial support to the United Nations Development Fund for Women, bearing in mind its important responsibilities in the coming years as outlined in the present decision.

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93/32. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 91/39 of 25 June 1991,

Recalling also the Final Act of the Eighth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and more particularly the call in section F, paragraph 218 thereof, for more funding to the United Nations Capital Development Fund in light of the increased number of least developed countries,

Mindful of the relevant provisions of Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development which advocate poverty reduction and participatory development strategies to promote sustainable development,

Noting with concern that voluntary contributions to the United Nations Capital Development Fund declined in 1991 and 1992,

1. Takes note of the biennial report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/1993/42);

2. Notes that the implementation of the present partial funding formula has allowed for the highest level ever of programming in 1991 and a record level of programme expenditure in 1992;

3. Notes with concern that the commitment capacity of the Fund through the decade will be seriously impaired by current funding trends, including the continuation of the decline in voluntary contributions to the Fund;

4. Invites the Administrator to explore all possible options and modalities for mobilizing additional resources as well as to look into ways and means for closer cooperation with other multilateral financing institutions and to submit his findings and recommendations to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994);

5. Notes that the use of the loan facility within the United Nations Capital Development Fund is proceeding satisfactorily; and in this context endorses the Administrator's proposal for the continuation of the loan facility, as contained in paragraph 37 of the report of the Administrator;

6. Takes note of the area-based programme approach of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, with its emphasis on decentralization and increased collaboration with local government institutions and grass-roots organizations in the various stages of United Nations Capital Development Fund-financed development activities, as described in paragraph 55 and further of the Administrator's report;

7. Notes that following its thematic review on participatory eco-development, and because of its presence in the most remote and often environmentally fragile regions of least developed countries, the United Nations Capital Development Fund is well placed to direct its support to programmes that promote community participation and balance the economic and environmental imperatives of beneficiary populations;

8. Invites the Administrator to outline his plans for the future of the United Nations Capital Development Fund for presentation to the Governing Council at its forty-second session (1995) with a view to identifying any potential reorientation of the Fund's original mandate as well as to preserving its autonomy and identity as a United Nations Development Programme-administered fund in light of new requirements and priorities of recipient countries and increasing demands on the international community;

9. Renews its appeal for increased voluntary financial support to the United Nations Capital Development Fund as the main multilateral small-scale grant investment fund for the least developed countries, in order for the Fund to continue to respond to the rapidly growing needs of its recipient countries.

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18 June 1993

93/33. United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (DP/1993/43),

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992, invited the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to assist the countries covered under its mandate in their preparations for and participation in the negotiating process for an international convention on desertification and to mobilize resources for this purpose,

Recalling the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and, in particular, chapters 12 and 38 of Agenda 21 on land degradation and desertification, and on new institutional arrangements, respectively,

Taking note of the important contribution of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, in particular in their preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Recognizes the important role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in the implementation of follow-up activities to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

2. Encourages the Administrator to strengthen the substantive role and maintain the identity of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as focal point within the United Nations Development Programme for all matters related to drought and desertification control, in accordance with the ongoing process of its integration into the core programme of the United Nations Development Programme;

3. Decides that the experience and technical expertise of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in drought and desertification control should be made available to all affected countries, in particular those in Africa;

4. Encourages the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to assist the affected countries, in particular in the framework of the negotiations regarding an international convention on desertification, in line with General Assembly resolution 47/188;

5. Renews its appeal to Governments and organizations to contribute to the general resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as well as to the account established by the Office for assistance in preparation for the international convention on desertification and, in this context, requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on alternative ways and means of financing the work of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

6. Reconfirms its support to the United Nations Development Programme-United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office/United Nations Environment Programme joint venture for the implementation of chapter 12 of Agenda 21 in the countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly in Africa;

7. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994), on an exceptional basis, on the implementation of the present decision; in addition, the Administrator's report should provide

information on ways of utilizing the experience and expertise of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in programmes of the United Nations Development Programme in all countries affected by drought and desertification.

29th meeting
18 June 1993

93/34. Annual review of the financial situation, 1992

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the annual review of the financial situation (DP/1993/44, and Add.1-3) and the observations and comments made thereon;

2. Notes with deep concern the level of resources expected to be available in 1993 and 1994;

3. Urges all Governments to increase their contributions to the United Nations Development Programme in line with the planning assumptions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of its decision 90/34 on the fifth cycle (1992 to 1996);

4. Takes note of the Administrator's efforts to develop appropriate plans and strategies for expenditure reductions necessitated by the reduced resource flows and requests the Administrator to continue to monitor the situation carefully in order to ensure the continued financial viability and to protect the integrity of the Programme;

5. Approves the retroactive request of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for additional support costs arising from the significant appreciation of the French franc relative to the United States dollar over the period 1989 and 1990;

6. Notes the intention of the Administrator to discontinue annual reporting on the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries and to provide a final report upon the closure of the Fund.

29th meeting
18 June 1993

93/35. Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1992-1993 and budget estimates for the biennium 1994-1995

I

Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1992-1993

The Governing Council,

Having considered the revised budget estimates for 1992-1993 of the United Nations Development Programme and the funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1993/45),

Recalling its decision 91/46 of 21 June 1991, in particular section thereof, regarding the presentation of budget estimates,

1. Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1993/46);

2. Welcomes the changes which the Administrator has introduced in the presentation of the biennial budget;

3. Requests the Administrator, in line with the recommendation made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to include a concise statement of the Programme's current and projected income in the executive summary of future submissions of the biennial budget estimates;

4. Invites the Administrator to consider further changes to achieve consistency of formatting between the budget documents and existing financial review and expenditure reports;

5. Approves the revised budget estimates in respect of the Office for Project Services;

6. Approves the revised budget estimates in respect of the United Nations Volunteers programme;

7. Approves revised appropriations in the amount of $609,564,700 gross, to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1992-1993 biennial budget, and resolves that the income estimates in the amount of $32,000,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of $577,564,700, as indicated below:

United Nations Development Programme revised 1992-1993 biennial budget for administrative services, programme support and development activities and trust funds

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	APPROVES:	TAKES NOTE OF:	
	Gross/net appropriations	Estimated extra-budgetary income	Total gross/net estimates
I. RESOURCES OF UNDP			
A. UNDP core activities a/			
Headquarters b/	148 253.6	23 297.7	171 551.3
Field Offices	331 322.4	30 200.4	361 522.8
Gross UNDP core activities	479 576.0	53 498.1	533 074.1
Estimated income	32 000.0	0.0	32 000.0
Net UNDP core activities	447 576.0	53 498.1	501 074.1
B. Programme support and development activities			
Programme development activities	21 286.0	0.0	21 286.0
Project/programme implementation services			
DSS	5 788.7	0.0	5 788.7
OPS c/	32 793.3	33 269.9	66 063.2
IAPSO	5 669.4	2 681.4	8 350.8
UNV	30 728.2	1 829.0	32 557.2
National execution	2 690.6	0.0	2 690.6
Total project/programme implementation services	77 670.2	37 780.3	115 450.5
Programme support d/	2 300.0	0.0	2 300.0
Total programme support and development activities	101 256.2	37 780.3	139 036.5
C. Total resources of UNDP			
Gross resources	580 832.2	91 278.4	672 110.6
Estimated income	32 000.0	0.0	32 000.0
Net resources	548 832.2	91 278.4	640 110.6
II. RESOURCES OF TRUST FUNDS			
A. UNCDF	10 766.0	0.0	10 766.0
B. UNRFNRE and UNFSTD	4 356.6	13.6	4 370.2
C. UNSO	8 004.3	3 547.6	11 551.9
D. UNIFEM	5 605.6	446.8	6 052.4
Total	28 732.5	4 008.0	32 740.5
III. TOTAL UNDP APPROPRIATIONS			
Gross appropriations	609 564.7	95 286.4	704 851.1
Estimated income	32 000.0	0.0	32 000.0
Net UNDP appropriations	577 564.7	95 286.4	672 851.1

a/ The Administrator is permitted to redeploy between the field office and headquarters appropriation lines up to a maximum of 5 per cent.

b/ Headquarters extrabudgetary income represents income from external sources, exclusive of reimbursements to UNDP core from non-core units. The reimbursements are already included in the appropriation estimates of the non-core units.

c/ The approved appropriation is funded from UNDP General Resources.

d/ Represents UNDP contribution to CGIAR and UNDP-UNSO/UNEP joint venture.

II

Budget estimates for the biennium 1994-1995

The Governing Council,

Having considered the budget estimates for the biennium 1994-1995 of the United Nations Development Programme and the funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1993/45), and taking into account the observations and comments made thereon,

Recognizing the multifaceted nature of United Nations Development Programme activities and the inherent complexity of the presentation of the biennial budget,

Recalling paragraphs 37 and 38 of its decision 91/46 concerning costs elements charged to the United Nations Development Programme budget not related to the delivery of the indicative planning figure programme,

Stressing the need to maintain an appropriate level of detail and transparency in the budget estimates,

1. Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1993/46);

A. Presentation of the budget estimates

2. Takes note of the Administrator's analysis of field office workload, as contained in paragraphs 163 to 177 of document DP/1993/45, and the estimate that 29 per cent of that workload relates to support to the operational activities of the United Nations as a whole;

3. Endorses, in this connection and without prejudice to possible future decisions on the coverage of administrative costs at the field level, the Administrator's proposal, contained in paragraph 174 of document DP/1993/45, to charge the full costs of such support to the United Nations Development Programme budget and to reflect these separately by introducing a new appropriation line entitled "Support to the operational activities of the United Nations";

B. 1994-1995 core budget estimates

4. Congratulates the Administrator for applying a restrictive budget policy and welcomes his proposal to implement volume reductions in the core budget of both headquarters and field offices without negatively affecting the delivery of programmes;

5. Endorses the Administrator's proposals with regard to the senior management structure, as contained in paragraph 52 of document DP/1993/45, especially those for the maintenance of the level of the posts of Directors of Regional Bureaux, Director of the Bureau for Programme Policy and Evaluation and Director of the Bureau for Finance and Administration at the Assistant Secretary-General level, with the exception of the proposal to downgrade the post of Director, Regional Bureau of Arab States, contained in paragraph 52 of the report of the Administrator, from the Assistant Secretary-General level to the D-2 level;

6. Requests, therefore, the Administrator to review the senior management structure of the United Nations Development Programme and, if necessary, to report to the Council at its special session in February 1994;

7. Takes note of the Administrator's proposal with regard to the establishment of the Office of Budget and Management as contained in paragraphs 64 to 67 of document DP/1993/45, reporting directly to the Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Finance and Administration, to give focus and priority to cost-effectiveness, efficiency and enhanced accountability;

8. Supports the Administrator's initiatives with regard to elaborating the regional service centre concept, as described in paragraphs 102 to 110 of document DP/1993/45, in particular the involvement of commercial audit and accounting firms to provide a range of audit and accounts examination services to field offices;

9. Requests the Administrator to keep the Council informed of further developments and experience gained in this regard in the context of his revised budget estimates for the biennium 1994-1995;

10. Takes note of its decision 93/11, confirming the maintenance of the Humanitarian Programme for the biennium 1994-1995 and the allocation of special programme resources for this purpose, covering one L-5 and one L-4 post;

11. Approves the continuation of the D-2 and P-5 posts for the Humanitarian Programme, on the understanding that the programme, while reporting to the Office of the Administrator, will maintain close liaison with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and will operate within a framework of inter-agency coordination under the leadership of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

12. Calls on the Administrator to include separate presentations on the Humanitarian Programme in future budget documents, clearly delineating all costs to be charged to the Programme;

13. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the field offices in Albania, Bulgaria and Poland as contained in paragraphs 111 to 116 of document DP/1993/45;

14. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the field presence in the Baltic States, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Georgia as contained in paragraphs 117 to 130 of document DP/1993/45, including the cost estimates and sources of financing for operations during the biennium 1994-1995;

15. Urges the Administrator, bearing in mind decision 92/43 of 26 May 1992, to follow an innovative and cost-effective approach when utilizing core resources allocated to the field presence referred to in paragraph 14 above, and to continue to give priority in determining the allocation of core resources to those countries with the lowest relative levels of per capita gross national product and the highest level of indicative planning figure and aggregate programme resources, as well as to ensure an integrated United Nations approach and presence;

16. Requests the Administrator to conclude, as soon as possible, a formal agreement with the United Nations on the joint funding of the United Nations interim field offices in the Commonwealth of Independent States and Georgia;

17. Requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of paragraphs 15 and 16, in the context of his submission of the revised budget

estimates for the biennium 1994-1995, to the Council at its forty-first session (1994);

18. Recognizes that the smooth implementation of the proposed budget strategy entails transitional costs, also taking into account that the proposed reductions follow a 15 per cent reduction in headquarters core posts in the biennium 1992-1993;

19. Approves, in this connection, the proposals of the Administrator contained in paragraphs 140 and 141 of DP/1993/45, in particular the application of savings earned in 1993 up to a ceiling of 1.5 per cent of the 1992-1993 core appropriation;

C. Programme support and development activities

20. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on programme development activities in response to paragraphs 23 to 25 of decision 91/46 and his proposals relating to programme support and development functions in the field;

21. Recognizes that the effectiveness of follow-up on the part of the United Nations Development Programme to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development depends to a significant extent on the capacity of the Programme's global network of field offices to provide programme development and support functions, to coordinate support and to assist Governments to mobilize resources;

22. Approves the establishment of 41 sustainable development National Officer posts;

23. Approves, in principle, the request to establish a limited network of up to 22 National Officer posts to support the role of the Resident Coordinator/Resident Representative in the national response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, subject to:

(a) A joint review by United Nations Development Programme and World Health Organization/Global Programme on AIDS staff, in consultation with the Management Committee Task Force on HIV/AIDS coordination, with the view to securing early agreement on the functions to be performed by the officers;

(b) A review by the Council at its special session in February 1994, of the relevance of the posts, taking into account the report of the study called for in World Health Assembly resolution WHA 46.37 of 14 May 1993 and supported in Governing Council decision 93/14, as well as the outcome of the joint review mentioned in subparagraph (a) above;

24. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the experiences and utilization of development support services, as contained in paragraphs 243 to 258 of document DP/1993/45;

D. Office for Project Services

25. Takes note of Governing Council decision 93/42;

26. Approves in this context, the proposed 1994-1995 budget estimates for the Office for Project Services;

E. United Nations Volunteers

27. Takes note of the Administrator's proposals, as contained in paragraphs 237 to 241 of document DP/1993/45, for streamlining the administrative functions of the United Nations Volunteers programme;

F. Trust funds

28. Approves the Administrator's budget and staffing proposals relating to the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development/United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

G. Other items

29. Takes note of the interim report of the Administrator on the piloting of short-term, non-permanent contracts and the zero-sum approval authority for P-1 to P-5 job classifications, in the context of human resources aspects relating to the management of change, as contained in paragraphs 131 to 134 of document DP/1993/45;

30. Requests the Administrator, in line with paragraph 13 of decision 92/37, to report to the Council at its forty-first session (1994) on experience gained with the piloting of short-term, non-permanent contracts, including consultations held with the International Civil Service Commission;

31. Decides to extend the pilot phase relating to reclassifications and to review the implementation of the pilot arrangement, including its continuation, and reclassifications made, on the basis of a substantive report which the Administrator is requested to submit in the context of the budget proposals for the biennium 1996-1997;

32. Approves appropriations in the amount of $628,421,100 gross, to be allocated from the resources indicated below to finance the 1994-1995 biennial budget, and resolves that the income estimates in an amount of $36,700,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in net appropriations of $591,721,100 as indicated below:

United Nations Development Programme 1994-1995 biennial budget for administrative services, programme support and development activities and trust funds

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	APPROVES:	TAKES NOTE OF:	
	Gross/net appropriations	Estimated extra-budgetary income	Total gross/net estimates
I. RESOURCES OF UNDP			
A. UNDP core activities a/			
Headquarters b/	149 405.4	23 396.8	172 802.2
Field Offices	239 760.2	39 006.7	278 766.9
Gross UNDP core activities	389 165.6	62 403.5	451 569.1
Estimated income	36 700.0	0.0	36 700.0
Net UNDP core activities	352 465.6	62 403.5	414 869.1
B. Programme support and development activities			
Programme development activities	25 989.5	0.0	25 989.5
Support to the operational activities of the United Nations	96 981.7	0.0	96 981.7
Project/programme implementation services			
DSS	6 225.0	0.0	6 225.0
OPS c/	36 029.6	37 167.4	73 197.0
IAPSO	6 098.5	3 013.7	9 112.2
UNV	31 707.3	391.5	32 098.8
National execution	3 161.5	0.0	3 161.5
Total project/programme implementation services	83 221.9	40 572.6	123 794.5
Programme support d/	2 300.0	0.0	2 300.0
Total programme support and development activities	208 493.1	40 572.6	249 065.7
C. Total resources of UNDP			
Gross resources	597 658.7	102 976.1	700 634.8
Estimated income	36 700.0	0.0	36 700.0
Net resources	560 958.7	102 976.1	663 934.8
II. RESOURCES OF TRUST FUNDS			
A. UNCDF	11 824.1	0.0	11 824.1
B. UNRFNRE and UNFSTD	4 243.4	13.6	4 257.0
C. UNSO	8 054.9	3 689.3	11 744.2
D. UNIFEM	6 640.0	467.1	7 107.1
Total	30 762.4	4 170.0	34 932.4
III. TOTAL UNDP APPROPRIATIONS			
Gross appropriations	628 421.1	107 146.1	735 567.2
Estimated income	36 700.0	0.0	36 700.0
Net UNDP appropriations	591 721.1	107 146.1	698 867.2

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a/ The Administrator is permitted to redeploy between the field office and headquarters appropriation lines up to a maximum of 5 per cent.

b/ Headquarters extrabudgetary income represents income from external sources, exclusive of reimbursements to UNDP core from non-core units. The reimbursements are already included in the appropriation estimates of the non-core units.

c/ The approved appropriation is funded from UNDP General Resources.

d/ Represents UNDP contribution to CGIAR and UNDP-UNSO/UNEP joint venture.

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93/36. Audit reports

The Governing Council,

Having considered the financial report and the audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1991 and the report of the Board of Auditors, contained in General Assembly document A/47/5/Add.1, as well as the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, contained in document A/47/500,

Having also considered document DP/1993/47, containing the report of the Administrator and the descriptions and actions taken in response to its decision 92/38 of 26 May 1992 as well as General Assembly resolution 47/211 of 22 December 1992, and documents DP/1993/48 and Add.1, pursuant to its decision 92/39, containing the note of the Administrator on the audit reports of the executing agencies,

Taking into account the views and comments raised during the discussion on these matters, as well as the additional information provided by the Administrator and the Board of Auditors,

1. Expresses appreciation for the valuable work done by the Board of Auditors and for the breadth and scope of its report;

2. Notes that the Administrator has taken or is taking action to correct the situations identified by the Board of Auditors;

3. Notes with satisfaction that the standard basic executing agency agreements have now all been approved or signed;

4. Commends the Administrator for the constructive, proactive and transparent approach taken in addressing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, as acknowledged by the General Assembly in paragraph 11 of its resolution 47/211 of 22 December 1992;

5. Notes the progress made, as reported to the Governing Council by the Board of Auditors, on the issue of generally accepted accounting standards and principles applicable to the United Nations system;

6. Notes the Administrator's confirmation that the Division of Audit and Management Review does not have operational responsibilities, thus eliminating any potential conflict of interest on its part;

7. Also notes with approval the proposal of the Administrator to institutionalize a regular mechanism to follow up the external and internal audit recommendations as part of the proposed establishment of the Office of Budget and Management within the Bureau for Finance and Administration;

8. Supports the Administrator's initiatives to expand audit coverage through the regional service centre concept;

9. Urges the Administrator to continue to take up the issue of the need for timely audited statements from executing agencies in the appropriate inter-agency forums;

10. Also urges the Administrator to ensure strict adherence to established rules and procedures regarding the hiring of consultants and to monitor carefully the implementation of the revised instructions planned to be issued in 1993;

11. Commends the Administrator on the actions taken after the thirty-ninth session of the Governing Council in streamlining project appraisal and approval procedures;

12. Requests the Administrator to continue to streamline the project appraisal and approval procedures of the United Nations Development Programme;

13. Also requests the Administrator to intensify efforts to finalize the measures that address the recommendations of the Board of Auditors regarding the need to establish adequate property control, including accountability;

14. Expresses an interest in receiving any subsequent comments from the Board of Auditors concerning action taken by the United Nations Development Programme to respond to the recommendations of the Board.

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93/37. Financial regulations

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the Financial Regulations (DP/1993/49) and the observations and comments made thereon,

1. Approves as Financial Regulation 4.6 (renumbered as appropriate) the following:

"In view of the multilateral nature of the Programme, non-recipient donor countries which make their voluntary contributions wholly or partly in non-convertible currencies are requested to pay a gradually increasing share of their contributions in convertible currencies."

2. Approves as Financial Regulation 4.7 (renumbered as appropriate) the following:

"Meanwhile, entities headquartered in a net donor country which has contributed in a non-convertible currency shall be reimbursed for services and equipment purchased under the Programme only in the currency of that country where such a currency is accumulated and until such accumulation is used; conversely, if, when utilizing a non-convertible contribution, costs are incurred in other currencies, these shall be reimbursed to UNDP in a convertible currency."

3. Notes that in accordance with the above, the Financial Regulation currently numbered 4.7 will be renumbered 4.8.

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93/38. Procurement from developing countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 91/48 of 21 June 1991,

Also recalling paragraphs 21 and 22 of General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, and paragraphs 26 and 27 of resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 relating to procurement from developing and major underutilized donor countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on procurement from developing countries (DP/1993/50), the 1992 Annual Statistical Report prepared by the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office and the observations and comments made thereon by delegations;

2. Takes note of the measures taken and improvements made by the United Nations system to increase further procurement from developing countries as well as of the constraints and limitations identified in paragraph 20 of the Administrator's report;

3. Encourages, in this context, Governments to address the constraints and limitations, including attitudinal barriers, in order to promote further procurement from developing countries;

4. Commends, in particular, the progress made by the United Nations Development Programme in increasing procurement from developing countries, as well as the facilitating research and development role and activities of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office;

5. Recognizes that the recent increase in government cost-sharing and the increased use of the national execution modality have been major factors contributing to the significant progress made in increasing procurement from developing countries;

6. Takes note that, under national implementation, the recipient Governments' rules and procedures for procurement apply and reiterates that such procurement should be compatible with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Development Programme in order to promote accountability, transparency and cost-effectiveness, in particular through international competitive bidding;

7. Urges the United Nations Development Programme, through the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group, to encourage the United Nations, its funds, programmes and its specialized agencies to expand further their efforts to increase procurement from developing and underutilized major donor countries;

8. Supports the efforts of the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group to define further and improve the accuracy of the data being provided to the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office for its annual reporting to the Governing Council and to the Economic and Social Council;

9. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, through the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group, to work on improving existing procurement or supplier databases to include greater product and skill specification;

10. Stresses the need for the United Nations system to improve its rostering and shortlisting systems and procedures with a view to ensuring greater geographical representation from suppliers of goods and services from developing and underutilized major donor countries.

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93/39. Technical cooperation among developing countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1992/41 of 30 July 1992, in which all parties were called upon in the development effort to make concerted, planned and vigorous endeavours to benefit from the utilization of the capacities of developing countries by giving their full support and first consideration to the use of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries,

Noting with appreciation the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its eighth session as contained in document DP/1993/L.9,

Requests the Administrator, in cooperation with other organizations of the United Nations development system, to facilitate the implementation of decisions 8/1 and 8/2 of 4 June 1993 of the High-level Committee on the review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries as contained in annex I of document DP/1993/L.9.

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93/40. Venue of sessions of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Decides to defer further consideration of this subject pending the outcome of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations.

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9 June 1993

93/41. Proposal concerning the location of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund headquarters

The Governing Council

1. Recalls with appreciation the proposal submitted by Germany to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session to host the headquarters of the United Nations Development Programme, of its affiliated funds and of the United Nations Population Fund in Bonn from 1996 onwards;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the Administrator's report (DP/1993/55 and Add.1-3) submitted to the Council in accordance with its decision 92/44;

3. Recognizes the ongoing process of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields, especially in the light of increasing responsibilities for the United Nations in these fields;

4. Invites, in the context of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields:

(a) Those Member States that have not yet transmitted their views, in accordance with Council decision 92/44, to do so prior to its next session; and

(b) All Member States to continue to review the Administrator's report;

5. Decides to consult further on this matter at its forty-first session.

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93/42. Office for Project Services

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and 47/212 B of 6 May 1993,

Bearing in mind that the strengthening of the role of the United Nations Development Programme as a central funding and coordinating agency is an integral part of the restructuring proposals of the Secretary-General,

Also bearing in mind that the activities of the Office for Project Services should be part of a coordinated approach to development by the United Nations system,

Concerned to ensure that the Office for Project Services is able further to improve its existing levels of efficiency, flexibility and cost-effectiveness,

1. Takes note of Governing Council documents DP/1993/20 and DP/1993/70;

2. Also takes note of the fact that the present supervisory responsibilities for the Office for Project Services of the Governing Council, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, including the responsibility of the Governing Council for approving the administrative budget of the Office for Project Services, will remain unchanged;

3. Underlines the continuing need for transparent reporting on the activities of the Office for Project Services, including through the timely provision of annual financial statements and audit reports;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the steps taken to integrate functions and eliminate duplication between the Department for Development Support and Management Services and the Office for Project Services;

5. Accepts the outlined modalities for the transfer of the Office for Project Services as set out in document DP/1993/70, subject to the following requirements and on the understanding that the modalities will be clarified further and solutions reached prior to the transfer taking place and that the date of 1 January 1994 should be regarded as a target date pending review by the General Assembly, taking into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (DP/1993/46):

(a) The Office for Project Services must have the maximum possible degree of autonomy;

(b) The Office for Project Services must continue to work in close collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and, in particular,

should ensure that the present close links with resident representatives in the field are maintained, including through the fullest appropriate use of the services of United Nations Development Programme field offices on a reimbursable basis with adequate accountability;

(c) The Office for Project Services must develop further its collaboration with other parts of the United Nations system including, in particular, with the specialized agencies;

(d) The Office for Project Services must have the ability to maintain its high level of expertise and staff commitment by being able to retain, develop and recruit high quality staff, including through the maintenance of the present rotation mechanism with the United Nations Development Programme, the retention of its existing practices and procedures relating to staff development and mobility and by the establishment of appropriate arrangements with the United Nations Secretariat;

(e) The Office for Project Services must remain fully self-financing with the capacity to adapt operational processes as necessary, and, in order to meet contingencies, it must have a reserve fund, the volume and maintenance of which is to be determined by the Council, based on proposals submitted by the Office for Project Services Management Board;

(f) The Office for Project Services must have the freedom to utilize the most cost-effective central services, including those of the United Nations Secretariat or the United Nations Development Programme;

(g) The Office for Project Services must retain and improve further its present Rules of Procurement;

(h) The Office for Project Services must have the power to negotiate and conclude agreements for its implementation services with recipient Governments, United Nations departments, the United Nations Development Programme, bilateral donors and international financing institutions with due regard to the principles of multilateral assistance;

6. Supports the continuing role to be played by the United Nations Development Programme in the development of, and as signatories to, Management Services Agreements, as specified in paragraph 7 of the report of the Administrator (DP/1993/20);

7. Stresses that the Office for Project Services should not develop fund-raising capacities;

8. Requests the Administrator, together with the Department for Development Support and Management Services and other relevant bodies, to prepare a timetable for the transfer of the Office for Project Services, indicating when implementation arrangements are to be in place and what they are to be;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Administrator, to address the concerns of the Governing Council expressed in the present decision and, in particular, those in paragraph 5 (a)-(h), in the context of preparing and submitting the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Administrator, to present detailed information regarding the arrangements to give effect to the principles in paragraph 5 (d) by 1 September 1993;

11. Further requests the Administrator, in collaboration with the Secretary-General, to convene informal consultations on the modalities, as detailed in the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995, prior to their consideration by the General Assembly, which should be held at the earliest convenient date, taking into account the timing of their review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

12. Decides to reconvene, if necessary, for a one-day special session to make any appropriate recommendations on the modalities detailed in the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 and commented upon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and on the information provided by the Secretary-General on staffing arrangements, prior to consideration of the issue by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (1993);

13. Decides to review the impact of the transfer of the Office for Project Services on the activities and functions of the United Nations Development Programme at its forty-first session (1994) on the basis of a report by the Administrator;

14. Decides to review the implementation of the staffing arrangements of the Office for Project Services at its forty-second session (1995) on the basis of a report by the Secretary-General.

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93/43. Other reports and documents considered by the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Takes note of the following:

(a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1992 (DP/1993/10 and Addenda);

(b) Women in development (DP/1993/13);

(c) Regional economic integration (DP/1993/14);

(d) Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations (DP/1993/15);

(e) Management Development Programme (DP/1993/16);

(f) Senior management structure (DP/1993/56);

(g) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures (DP/1993/57 and Add.1; DP/1993/58 and Add.1);

(h) National capacity-building (DP/1993/23);

(i) Harmonization of programme cycles and programming procedures among members of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (DP/1993/27);

(j) Efficiency of programming and the comparative advantages of UNDP (DP/1993/28);

(k) Coordination, including multilateral coordination and complementarity (DP/1993/25).

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17 June 1993

93/44. Provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 81/37 of 27 June 1981 and 92/2 of 14 February 1992;

Decides to review the following provisional agenda for the forty-first session at its organizational meeting in February 1994:

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

2. Annual report of the Administrator for 1993 and programme-level activities

3. Special programmes of assistance

4. Programme planning and implementation

5. United Nations Population Fund

6. United Nations technical cooperation activities

7. Other funds and programmes

8. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

9. Other matters

10. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1995.

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93/45. Future sessions of the Governing Council and its subsidiary bodies

The Governing Council,

Agrees to the following schedule of future sessions of the Council and its subsidiary bodies subject to the approval of the Committee on Conferences:

1994

Governing Council organizational meeting	United Nations Headquarters	15 February
Governing Council special session	United Nations Headquarters	15-18 February
Governing Council forty-first session	Geneva	6-24 June

28th meeting
17 June 1993